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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Sir:

Applicants are submitting herewith the following remarks in support of the
patentability of Claims 1, 3-21 and 23-40.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-21 and 23-40 are presented for consideration, with Claims 1 and
21 being independent.